

TURNING THE CORNER: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



TAIAMA I THE GARDEN – OHAEAWAI THE FAMILY – IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

VISION: *PUTTING THE GARDEN BACK INTO TAIAMAI*

We come from a history of cultivation around the ancient settlement around our Maunga: Pouerua, Maungaturoto, Tarahi and Te Ahu Ahu. This is evident in the kumara paths, the Pa sites, the signs of a land of plenty on the rich deep volcanic soils of Ohaeawai Taiamai. We have legends of great chieftains, great battles and the Taiamai Rock.

Ohaeawai grew on the junction of two major roads leading north, south, east and west and was historically known as the crossroads, now “Te Corner”. By the later part of the 19th century it had grown into a thriving village providing all the services for the surrounding farms and rural settlers.

Today we have.....a village steeped in history with the historic Ohaeawai Hotel on the corner, a number of historic houses, churches, the Waimate Mission, many preserved historic places and sites.

Rich volcanic soils, ample rainfall, and warm temperatures all year round, support an abundance of orchards, gardens and stands of native trees especially the great Puriri.

A population of some 750 in the village which can boast a top school, Ohaeawai Primary; a butcher shop; a service station and a growing range of small business in the Ohaeawai Taiamai area from Electricians, Plumbers and Drain Layers to Beauticians and Bed and Breakfast.

Our future now lies in developing Ohaeawai Taiamai as **The** place to stop, a special place to live, close to everything in lovely landscapes and beautiful tranquil countryside. A safe place with plenty to do for our children, our old people, and our families.



Ohaeawai School

THE PROCESS

In early 2007, the Far North District Council invited the Ohaeawai Taiamai community to enter into a community development planning process. This process, of creating a Community Development Blueprint for the future, gave the residents of Ohaeawai Taiamai an opportunity to express their vision and hopes for the future of their community. In so doing, the Far North District Council was not only collaboratively assisting the future development of the community, but also meeting new obligations that were set in the Local Government Act (2002). This draft vision document, once endorsed by the community, and accepted by the Far North District Council, will be used to inform Council planning, budgeting and activity for the future.



Mosaic Wall and seat



Taiamai Day 2006

THE GOALS

The goals in this document have been gathered over the past six months from people of our community.

They reflect the general consensus that Ohaeawai Taiamai can achieve some meaningful and significant changes in our community for the benefit of us all.

The goals are simply to make the most of what we have, our shared history and culture, the rich and beautiful environment, to provide ways of working together as a community and develop the existing opportunities we have in the place we call Ohaeawai, the garden of Taiamai.

Our goals are simple and we want to make them happen, together.



Working together on Te Corner Mosaic

Infrastructure Goals	Actions	Stakeholders	Timeframe	Priority
<p>Improve traffic safety.</p> <p>Improve pedestrian footpaths.</p>	<p>Determine a traffic flow plan which will be relevant for the next 10-15years. Lobby for reduction in heavy vehicle noise.</p> <p>Establish a footpath programme</p>	Transit / FNDC	1 – 3 years	1
Improve surface drainage	Ensure storm water drainage is included as part of any modifications to roads and footpaths in the town.	Transit / FNDC	1 – 3 years	1
Car parks and bus shelters development and maintenance	Determine and develop a plan for car parking, both new and maintenance requirements.	FNDC / Transit	1 – 5 years	2
Street lighting	Develop a plan for appropriately located street lighting	FNDC / Transit	1 – 5 years	2
Water supply for fire fighting in centre of village	Design and install a suitable reservoir accessible by emergency services	NZ Fire Service / FNDC	1 -5 years	2

Economic Goals	Actions	Stakeholders	Timeframe	Priority
Keep Ohaeawai on the map	Invite people to stop by marketing the area through websites, brochures and positive media stories. Get the message out: "A Travellers' Rest"	Community	Now	1
To enhance our biggest asset, Te Corner, establish a place where people can get information	Erect a tourist notice board	Community Project	1 year	1
	Acquire the Telecom building to house information on Ohaeawai, what there is to see, where to stay and where to eat and explore.	Telecom / FNDC and Community	1-3 years	1
Develop economic opportunities for Ohaeawai	Encourage new employment opportunities (a non-industrial development)	Community	1-3 years	1
	Circulate a regular community newsletter to showcase and advertise local businesses	Community	1 year	
	Lobby for an Ohaeawai identity separate from Kaikohe	NZ Post / Community	1-3 years	
	Lobby for improved communication technology including high speed wireless internet	Telecom providers / Community	1-3 years	

Economic Goals (continued)	Actions	Stakeholders	Timeframe	Priority
Establish outlets for creativity and encourage small business	Hold regular markets to support cottage industry. Taiamai Day.	Wider community stall holders and producers.	Yearly	Current
Enhance work and education opportunities	A local bus service	NRC & FNDC	2 years	1

Environmental Goals	Actions	Stakeholders	Timeframe	Priority
Beautify and maintain Ohaeawai recreation areas and playgrounds	Develop/construct playground and appropriate activities for all age group children i.e. basketball hoop, skateboard park on the old tennis courts	FNDC / Community	1 - 5 years	1
Entrances to town to be more attractive	Establish avenues of trees on the entrances to Ohaeawai and ensure road verges are kept tidy	FNDC / Community	1 - 3 years	1
Establish a common place (like a village green) for community.	Shelter / shade, tables, landscaping for Te Corner	FNDC / Community	2 – 5 years	2
Showcase the garden/s of Ohaeawai	Plant trees appropriate to the history of the town i.e. theme planting showcasing a native specimen/s	Community / School	1 – 5 year	2
Encourage community to take advantage of the good soil of the area	Grow heritage seed varieties environmentally appropriate for the area i.e. sustainability.	Community / School	1 – 5 year	3

Community Goals	Actions	Stakeholders	Timeframe	Priority
Create and maintain a safe environment for families; especially children and the elderly; a safe place to work and play. Neighbourhood support group/network.	Hold regular social events which bring the community together in a relaxed and friendly environment.	Community / Hotel / / School / Social Development.	Twice per year	1
	Circulate a regular community newsletter	Community	1 year	
	Develop a database of community services and providers.	Community	1 year	
	Promote a neighbourhood support group. Determine guidelines and willing people.	Community / Police	1 year	
Showcase Ohaeawai as a desirable and historical location.	Get community involved in garden tidy programmes and presentation competitions.	Community	1 year	1
Support a common place (like a village green) for community.	Maintain Te Corner and hold regular events. Taiamai Day	FNDC / Community	1 – 5 years	1
Promote and enhance community Identity	Share and celebrate local successes- encourage leadership	Community / School /Sports clubs /FNDC	1 - 2 years	1

Community Goals (continued)	Actions	Stakeholders	Timeframe	Priority
Promote the historical nature of early Maori settlement	Identify the five Maori Pa in local / tourist information	Local Maori / Community	1 – 2 years	2
Foster and strengthen cultural awareness	Sports, festival/s etc. Taiamai Day	Community / School / Sports clubs	1 – 2 years	2
Promote Art and Music	Support local artists. Exhibiting in local information building. Taiamai Day.	Community	1 - 3 years	3

